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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS.

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On the Health of

The

B O R O U G H O F H E R T F O R D

For the Year 1958

Report presented by

The Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Inspector.

Borough of Hertford.

BOROUGH OF HERTFORDAnnual Report of the Health of the District for the Year 1958.

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1958.

B O R O U G H O F H E R T F O R D

P R E F A C E

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Hertford.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health of the Borough of Hertford for the year ending 31st December 1958. This report has been prepared in accordance with Circular 22/58 of the Ministry of Health.

From 1st January until 31st December 1958, Dr.R.P. Garrow acted as Medical Officer of Health and I am most grateful to him for showing me over the Borough, introducing me to Members of the Council and Officials and explaining local circumstances to me before I took up my appointment on 1st January 1959.

I wish him many happy years of retirement.

I wish also to thank Members of the Council for the kindness with which I have been received and for the interest they have displayed in everything pertaining to the health of the Borough.

I must also record my appreciation of the courtesy and co-operation of my colleagues in other departments and the invaluable support I have received from Mr. Peck, the Chief Public Health Inspector. Mr. Peck's duties have been considerably enhanced by the absence on National Service of his Assistant, Mr. Stacey, but it is anticipated that Mr. Stacey will return to the Department in the Autumn of 1959. Finally I should like to thank Mrs Kirby for the assistance I have received from her in the preparation of this report.

The health of the Borough has been excellent during the past year, the incidence of infectious disease being negligible.

The birth-rate was 14.51 per thousand of the population as compared with 15.70 in the previous year.

The death-rate was 8.75 per thousand of the population as compared with 9.59 in the previous year. From office records it is ascertained that 72 of the 132 deaths from all causes occurred in persons over the age of 70 (over 54 %). Coronary disease (that stress complaint associated with over work, overweight and lack of sufficient exercise) caused the greatest number of deaths (22) closely followed by vascular lesions of the nervous system (20), the pathology of which goes hand in hand with advancing age.

It is gratifying to report that there were no instances of Food Poisoning during 1958, a fortunate state of affairs which is, I believe, largely attributable to the vigilance of the Chief Public Health Inspector. There were no reasons for prosecution under the Food Hygiene Regulations, but many improvements with relation to general cleanliness, sanitary accommodation and the protection of food stuffs were instituted in food premises on the advice of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

One hundred and eleven new houses were built during 1958, of which sixty eight were erected by the Borough Council. The increase in the Bank Rate which was reflected in loan charges prevented the Council from pressing forward with the anticipated building programme.

I have the honour to be
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

G.M. Frizelle.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Public Health and Town Planning Committee for
 the Session 1958/1959 comprised the following Members:-

Councillor F.L. Patmore	(Chairman)
Councillor H.E. Gilby	(Vice-Chairman)

His Worship The Mayor (Councillor W.L. Foster)
 Alderman C. Vance Packman, Councillors E.A. Bennett,
 G.W. Dale, J.J. Forrester, F. Herniman and R.J. Kiln.

SECTION. A.GENERAL STATISTICS 1958.

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1957 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population Borough of Hertford:

15,090 (14,960)

Natural increase or decrease	...	+	87
Migration in or out	...	+	43
Total increase or decrease	...	+	130

GENERAL STATISTICS

<u>Area in acres</u>	...	...	...	3,882
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Number of inhabited Dwellings according to Rate Books
(from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis -
as at 1st April 1958)

4,772

Number of Houses per acre	1.2
Number of Persons per acre	3.9
Number of Persons per dwelling	3.1

Rateable Value of District(1.4.58)	£216,176
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Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£840
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VITAL STATISTICS

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1957 are shown in brackets)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	Total	219	(235)
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		14.51	(15.71)
Area Comparability Factor for Births		0.99	(0.99)
Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		14.36	(15.55)
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	Total	2	(6)
Still-births rate per 1,000 live and still-births		9.05	(24.90)

<u>BIRTHS</u>	Total Live and Still-births	221	(241)	
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births, Total number		126	93	219
Legitimate		121	89	210
Illegitimate		5	4	9
Still-births, Total Number		2	0	2
Legitimate		2	0	2
Illegitimate		0	0	0
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births		4.11	(5.53)	

COMPARISON RATES

	Hertford Borough	Hertford County	England & Wales
Live Birth Rate	14.51	17.89	
Area Comparability Factor	0.99	0.93	
Standardised Birth Rate	14.36	16.64	16.40
Still Births Rate	9.05	19.51	21.60

Vital Statistics.
Table 2 Continued..

<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Infants under one year, Total	1	2	3
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Neo Natal Mortality (first four weeks) (included above in total of infant deaths of under one year) Total	1	0	1
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births Total	13.70	(8.51)	
Legitimate	13.70	(8.51)	
Illegitimate	0	(0)	
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births (first four weeks)	4.57	(0)	

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Deaths, including abortion	0	(0)
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	0	(0)

COMPARISON RATES

	<u>Hertford Borough</u>	<u>Hertford County</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	13.70	16.45	22.5
Legitimate	13.70	16.5	
Illegitimate	0	16.6	
Neo Natal Mortality Rate	4.57	11.46	16.2
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	0.43	0.43

Vital Statistics
Table 2 continued

DEATHS

Total Deaths of all ages	132	(138)
Males	59	(72)
Females	73	(66)
Death Rate per 1,000 population	8.75	(9.22)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths	1.03	(1.04)
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	9.01	(9.59)

COMPARISON RATES

	<u>Hertford</u> <u>Borough</u>	<u>Hertford</u> <u>County</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Death Rate	8.75	9.65	
Area Comparability Factor	1.03	1.07	
Standardised Death Rate	9.01	10.35	11.7

FOOD POISONING

Annual Return of Food Poisoning Notifications
 (in accordance with Memo 188/Med)

nil

POLIOMYELITIS INNOCULATIONS

The Hertfordshire County Council carried out a series of inoculations against poliomyelitis during the year. This scheme is re-inforced by inoculations carried out by the local Medical Practitioners.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)
Notified during the Year:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>all</u> <u>Ages</u>	<u>Age Group in Years</u>						<u>Over Age</u> <u>Unknown</u>
		<u>Under</u> <u>1</u>	<u>1-</u>	<u>5-</u>	<u>15-</u>	<u>25-</u>	<u>65</u>	
Scarlet Fever	8	-	2	6	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic (Acute)	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Non-Paralytic	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	7	-	1	1	-	2	3	-
Dysentery	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	3	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Incidence of Disease during the different Months

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Month and Number of Cases.</u>
Scarlet Fever	January (1) March (4) June (2) September (1)
Measles	January (2) June (1) August (1)
Acute Pneumonia	January (6) February (1)
Infective Jaundice	January (1) August (2)
Puerperal Pyrexia	August (1)

Prevalence of, and control over Infectious Diseases (con)T U B E R C U L O S I S

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
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The year commenced with 97 names on the Register:-

Males	47	7
Females	34	9

Nine cases were added to the Register during 1958.

New Cases

Males	2	0
Females	1	0

Restored to Register

Males	0	0
Females	0	0

Inward Transfers

Males	1	1
Females	4	0

(The above figures exclude one new case notified in the second quarter but removed in the third quarter as not having been confirmed)

Ten cases were removed from the Register during 1958.

Deaths

Males	1	1
Females	0	0

Outward Transfers

Males	1	0
Females	2	0

Patients Cured

Males	1	1
Females	3	0

The year therefore ended with 96 cases on the Register

Males	47	6
Females	34	9

Tuberculosis Prevention - B.C.G. Inoculations are given by the Health Services of the Herts County Council.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1958

Line No.		M.	F.
	ALL CAUSES	59	73
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	0	0
4	Diphtheria	0	0
5	Whooping Cough... ..	0	0
6	Meningococcal	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
8	Measles	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach... ..	5	4
11	" " lung, bronchus	0	1
12	" " breast	0	3
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	0
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	8
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	1
16	Diabetes	0	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	8	12
18	Coronary disease, angina	9	13
19	Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
20	Other heart disease	3	11
21	Other circulatory disease	6	3
22	Influenza	0	0
23	Pneumonia	7	3
24	Bronchitis	5	3
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	2	0
26	Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	1	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	0	0
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0
31	Congenital malformations	0	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	6
33	Motor vehicle accidents	1	0
34	All other accidents	1	2
35	Suicide	1	0
36	Homicide and operations of war	0	0

CAUSES OF DEATH - Comment

As will be seen from the Table, half the total number of deaths arose from diseases of the Heart and Circulation, a fifth were caused by Cancer, and a further seventh due to diseases of the Lungs and Air Passages.

Of the total of 132 deaths, 72 or just over 54 per cent. were of people of the age of seventy and over, deaths of those of sixty-five and over being a total of 84 or over 63 per. cent. There were three deaths of infants of under one year, one of these being of under four weeks of age. The number of still births during this same period was two.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.

Persons in need of Care and Attention

Arising from information received, visits were made in four instances in connection with the welfare of elderly persons. Visits in connection with one of these cases concerned an elderly couple, and the three remaining cases were those of elderly ladies each living alone.

No immediate action was required under Section 47 of the Act in any of these cases for the compulsory removal of the persons to an Institution. One of the elderly ladies voluntarily entered Part III accommodation, and regular attendance is made by the County Council Nursing and Home Help Services in the remaining cases.

INTERNATIONAL SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1952.

In accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, the signatures of Local Practitioners were authenticated by the Borough Health Department on 94 International Certificates for vaccination against Small-pox or Cholera during the year.

S E C T I O N BGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR HERTFORDLABORATORY SERVICE

Facilities for the examination of public health Specimens and samples are offered by the Public Health Laboratory at Cambridge.

In emergency, certain (medical) specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Hertford County Hospital, Hertford.

No progress has been made with the construction of a Public Health Laboratory in Hertford, on a site already "earmarked" for that purpose.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, are available in the District. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres.

Hertford Borough is served by the equivalent of 5 full time Nurses.

There is a Welfare Centre, at Bull Plain.

Vaccinations, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisations.

Medical Officers at the Welfare Centre will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help.

Applications for this Service should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 27, Bull Plain, Hertford (Telephone: Hertford 3232). A charge may be made for this Service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Care and After-Care

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant, should be made to the County Medical Officer.

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. A Medical Loan Depot has been established at The Durrant Hall, Mill Bridge, Hertford.

A charge may be made for both the above Services.

Ambulance Service

Except in emergency an Ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner. The Ambulance Station telephone number is HERTFORD 3013.

Mental Health

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Duly Authorised Officer, Mr. J. H. Webster, Collett Road, Ware (Telephone: WARE 541.)

Help in respect of Mentally Defective persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

An Occupation Centre for defective children is established in Hertford.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hertford is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital as well as by other hospitals within the Area of the Hertford Group Hospital Management Committee.

General Practitioner Medical Services.

There are 6 General Medical Practices in Hertford (8 Doctors)

DENTAL SERVICE

There are 8 Dentists in Hertford.

OTHER SERVICES

The Borough owns and manages a Mortuary.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions are held in Hertford.

There is a very active Old People's Welfare Service in Hertford; with a Meals-on-Wheels Service managed by the W. V. S.

SECTION CSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA -REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORFor the Year 1958.28, Chambers Street,
Hertford, HertsTo the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Hertford.

July, 1959.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit the following Report on the administration and work of the department for the year 1958.

The lack of an Assistant has been greatly felt during the year, and the effective work of the department has of course been reduced accordingly. I am happy to record however, that Mr. Stacey, serving in H.M. Forces on his National Service, and stationed at the Army School of Hygiene, is continuing to do well. I would also record an appreciation of the work of Mrs. Kirby, the Clerk in the Department, whose very great interest in, and knowledge of, the work of the Department, is of very great help in dealing with the many routine matters which otherwise would take up my own time in having to deal with them.

During the year it has been possible to keep abreast of matters arising, and some progress has been made with regard to housing matters. Although there was an increase in the work relating to Certificates of Disrepair, this has not been as much as was originally envisaged. A considerable amount of time is still given to work in connection with food hygiene and food premises to maintain a high standard, and desirable improvements continue to be made.

I am indebted to the Council's other Officers, both for the additional information supplied by them and included in the Report, and for their continuing co-operation at all times. I would also like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their continued support and for their personal interest in the work of the Department, and also to Dr. R.P. Garrow who was temporary Medical Officer of Health for the period of this Report, for his un-failing cheerfulness and help during the time of his appointment.

B. W. PECK,

Public Health Inspector.

WATER SUPPLY

Source - All the water is obtained from five Boreholes sunk in the chalk, at Molewood Road, Wadesmill Road(2), Hartham Lane and Port Hill. From these boreholes sufficient water can be obtained to meet the needs of the Borough for many years.

Future Developments - The policy of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in connection with the Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings, has resulted in a 'Bill' being presented in parliament to incorporate a new Company, to be known as 'The Lee Valley Water Company' and to transfer to that Company most of the present Undertakings in East Herts, including Hertfords. The change is expected to become effective on the 1st April, 1960.

Distribution - The Undertaking continues to grow and expand. During the past year 33 new houses and flats, 1 allotment, 3 factories, 1 chapel and private development at Bengeo have been connected to the system. Preparation in connection with the proposed Improvement Scheme A continues to be made.

Quality - Bacteriological - Samples of the Mains Water from all four pumping stations were submitted to bacteriological examination each month. B.Coli were absent from 100 ml. in each case and the water was passed as satisfactory for drinking purposes.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Council's Sele Farm Housing Estate has continued to develop throughout the year, all properties being connected to the main sewerage system.

The existing sewers have been maintained with very little difficulty; one or two minor stoppages have occurred, but none of a serious nature.

The Activated Sludge Treatment Works at Mead Lane did not produce a good effluent in the early part of the year owing to the breakdown of machinery, but the new rotary blower which came into operation on the 5th May 1958 has resulted in very good analyses being received since that date. The Maintenance of the works has continued as normal.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The Corporation has continued to use the Foxhole Farm Refuse Tip without difficulty for the control tipping of domestic refuse. The weekly collection of refuse has continued and also the Corporation's policy of disposing of salvage at the best price, although the monthly output of waste paper has to be limited by agreement with the Merchants. The volume of refuse to be collected continues to increase both as regards the number of bins to be emptied and the volume of the contents.

STATISTICAL RECORDS.

1958

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Factories

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Food Premises and Food Hygiene

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Retail Premises	196
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Business Premises	34
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PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Normal work of the Department under the Public Health Acts was carried out during the year, this including a considerable amount of minor repairs to property and works of drainage maintenance and cleansing, which, together with the majority of complaints which required action under the above Acts, were dealt with informally. There were no special problems of note which required to be dealt with during the year.

The periodic cleansing of the remaining pail closets from Hertingfordbury and from the few more scattered premises within the Borough boundary was undertaken by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

A problem with regard to the emission of smoke and dust from an asphalt plant gave cause for concern during the year. The ready co-operation of the owners of the plant to eliminate the nuisance resulted in a considerable amount of work being undertaken, this including the complete shutting down of one of the two plants on the site, the almost complete renewal of all working parts of the remaining machine together with its complete overhaul, a re-arrangement of the plant to secure a better supervision of the boilers, together with the fitting of dust collecting cyclones. Routine observations subsequently taken tend to show the elimination of the nuisance with the exception of an occasional emission of very fine dust which it is doubtful can be overcome without the provision of a water washing plant to the exhaust, this matter receiving attention in 1959.

A general survey of the licensed premises in the Borough is continuing. The requirements pertaining to the Public Health Act are generally complied with, Additional sanitary accommodation was provided at two premises, washing facilities for patrons additionally being installed at one of these, the other including the provision of separate sanitary accommodation and bathroom for the landlord. Improvements to existing facilities have also been effected during the year.

One unusual complaint, that of smell from refuse being conveyed by rail, was quickly overcome by the ready co-operation of the railway authorities in re-timing and re-routing of this particular service to the railways own dump.

Common Lodging Houses.

There is only one Registered Common Lodging House within the Borough, The White House, Railway Street, capable of providing nightly accommodation for 32 men. The number of accommodations during the year was 2908, the average number using the premises nightly being 8 men.

The decrease in the number of persons using these premises continues, the returns at the end of the year showing only seven lodgers. Practically no casual lodgers are now received. Those still using the premises are all elderly and the decrease in numbers is due to deaths or removal to institutions or hospitals of these semi-permanent lodgers.

The premises themselves are very old, and although constantly subject to repairs, would appear to be reaching the stage where major structural restoration is required.

The premises have been kept under observation and the house is generally well conducted. No case of infectious disease was notified at the house.

Vermin

Disinfestation was carried out at four premises during the year, D.D.T. or B.H.C. preparations being used in each case. Pressure sprays are held by the department for loan where liquid preparations are to be used. At all of these premises the infestation was light.

At one of the above premises, the evidence of vermin having been found by the nursing services in attendance on the bed-ridden tenant of the house, in co-operation with the County Welfare Services, the premises were disinfested by the Borough Health Department. The tenant voluntarily entered Part III accommodation for a few days to allow for the satisfactory disinfestation of his room, the remainder of this time being used by his wife to give a thorough cleaning and redecoration to the room not normally possible whilst occupied.

Infectious Diseases and Disinfections

In one case during the year, following disinfection of premises, it was necessary to require the cleansing and redecoration of rooms. Two disinfections were also carried out on request following the death of aged persons; and in each case, after receipt of formal application, a small quantity of bedding and clothing was removed and destroyed.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1935.Refuse Dumps (Section 26)

In addition to the Corporation's refuse tip, there is only one other refuse dump in the Borough, this being situate in the Old Clay Pits, Hertingfordbury, consents for its use being given to the Southgate Borough Council in 1947.

Although since 1947 some regular tipping of non-putrescible matter in accordance with the conditions of consent has been undertaken, for the majority of this time the use of the area has been spasmodic. No use of the pit was made in 1958.

Employment Agencies (Section 74)

The conduct and management of the two Employment Agencies in the Borough have been in accordance with Part V of the above Act. These are a Domestic Agency and an Agency for Office and Shop Workers, the Hertford Branch of this latter Agency closing down during the last quarter of the year.

Moveable Dwellings (Section 93)

There is one camping-caravan site within the Borough, this site belonging to and controlled by an organisation holding a certificate of the Ministry of Health, and who, by reason of their own camping rules, are exempt from the similar provisions of the Hertfordshire County Council Act.

There were two consents under the Act operative in the Borough, the second of these being granted early in the year and the site vacated before the end of the year. The remaining consent is in respect of a single caravan, the occupation of which is concerned with that of a dwelling house on the adjoining site.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951.

Although visits were made under Section 47 in connection with the welfare of elderly persons, no official action was necessary, those concerned receiving regular visits and assistance from the County Welfare Services.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Only one licence was in operation during the year, being in respect to a business carried on from a stall in the Hertford Borough Covered Market.

HERTFORDSHIRE (MUSIC & DANCING) REGULATIONS, 1955

Existing licences in respect of 20 premises were renewed by the County Council for the year 1958, and in respect of one further renewal an objection was raised by the Borough Council on sanitary grounds. This was in respect to sanitary facilities agreed by the Corporation at the first licensing after the coming into force of the Regulations, as being required before the first renewal of the licence, and which had not been provided. The necessary works having been completed, the licence for these premises was renewed.

One new licence was issued by the County Council during the year, no objection being made by the Borough Council on sanitary grounds on application being made under Regulation 5.

Forty-four visits to these twenty-two premises were made during the year, the types of premises being,--

Halls	12
Cinemas	2
Licensed Premises	8

HOUSINGHousing Act, 1957From Ministry of Housing &
Local Government Form P.13

<u>Houses Demolished</u>	Demolished	Displaced Persons	Displaced Families
In Clearance Areas	-	5	1
Not in Clearance Areas			
Local Authority owned houses	1	-	-
Other	1	-	-
<u>Unfit Houses Closed</u>	Closed		
(Sections 16 (4), 17 (1), & 35 (1))	11	16	9
Parts of buildings closed	-	-	-

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12, Brewhouse Lane	Closing Order	Feb.1958	
14, Castle Street	Closing Order	Oct.1956	} Area under consideration
16, ...	Closing Order	Jul.1958	
18a, ...	Occupied.		
41, Castle Street	Closing Order	Dec.1955	
2, Dimsdale Street	Closing Order	Feb.1957	Used for storage
38, Hertingfordbury	Occupied		} Area declared January 1958.
40, .. Road	Closing Order	Mar.1956	
42, ...	Rehoused -	October 1958	} Inquiry-August.
44, ...	Closing Order	Dec.1956	
46, ...	Closing Order	Jul.1957	} Order confirmed November, 1958
48, ...	Occupied		
48a, ...	Occupied		
9,13,17,19, Maidenhead Yard.	Empty		Council
5,11,15,21, ...	Occupied		Controlled
23, 25, 27, ...	Demolition agreed		
31, 33, Molewood Road	Undertakings accepted that properties not to be used for human habitation	Feb. 1955	
18, North Road	Closing Order	May 1956	} Area under consideration
18a,18b, ...	Occupied		
32, Parliament ..	Closing Order	Mar.1958	} Area under consideration
34, .. Square	Occupied		
30, ...	Shop premises.(Dwelling accommodation empty)		
4, Port Hill	Closing Order	- part of premises, May 1955.	
63, Port Hill	Closing Order	Oct.1958	} Area under consideration
65, ...	Closing Order	Oct.1958	
59,61,67,69, ..	Occupied		
71, Port Hill	Closing Order	Jul.1956	} Area declared January 1958
79, ...	Closing Order	May 1958	
81, ...	Closing Order	May 1958	} Order confirmed July 1958.
83, ...	Closing Order	May 1958	
73,75,77, ..	Occupied		

Housing Analysis Continued

77a, Railway Street	Closing Order	Jul.1958	} Area under consideration
77b, ...	Closing Order	Dec.1958	
77d, ...	Closing Order	Dec.1956	
77c, ...	Occupied		
81, Railway Street	Closing Order - part of premises, May 1956.		
46, St. Andrew	Occupied		} Area under consideration.
48, ... Street	Occupied		
63, St. Andrew Street	Closing Order - part of premises, June 1938		} Demolished April 1958.
15a, Talbot Street	Closing Order	May 1957	
15b, ...	Closing Order	Jun.1955	
15c, ...	Closing Order	Jul.1957	
13a, Ware Road	Closing Order - part of premises, Jan.1953.		
1, 3, Water Lane	Undertakings accepted that properties not to be used for human habitation Feb.1935		
24b, Ivy Passage,	Closing Order	Feb.1957	} Area under consideration
24c, ... West St.	Closing Order	Jul.1958	
24f, ...	Closing Order	Jul.1957	
24g, ...	Closing Order	Apr.1956	
24a, 24d, 24e, 24h, ..	Occupied		
26, West Street	Empty		
28, ...	Closing Order	Mar.1957	
East Lodge, West Street.	Council controlled. Agreed as unfit.	Demolished February 1958.	

Clearance Areas

71 - 83, Port Hill This area was declared by the Council in January, 1958, and there being no objections received, and following a visit of inspection by a Housing Inspector of the Ministry, the Order was confirmed in July 1958. Closing Orders were however made on three of the premises between the time of the Declaration and the Confirmation of the Order. The three remaining tenants in this area were rehoused early in 1959.

38 - 48a, Hertingfordbury Road This area was declared by the Council in January 1958, and objections being received, an Enquiry was held in August. The Clearance Order was confirmed by the Minister in November, 1958.

HOUSING PROGRESSProgress during 1958New Dwellings erected

	<u>During</u>	<u>Since</u>
	<u>1958</u>	<u>1945</u>

Private Enterprise

New Dwellings erected during 1958 (total since 1945 includes war destroyed or damaged rebuilt or repaired)	35	(268)
.. .. erected by Housing Associations	4	(7)
.. .. under construction at end of year (including 3 by Housing Assocs.)	26	

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New Dwellings erected by Council	68	(919)
.. .. (Temporary prefabricated bungalows)	-	(50)
.. .. under construction at end of year	14	

Other Authorities (County Council, Military, etc)

New Dwellings erected during 1958	4	(41)
.. .. under construction at end of year	-	

Total new dwellings erected during 1958111

... .. under construction at end of year	<u>40</u>
... .. completed between 1945 and 31.12.58	<u>1,285</u>

Total Properties Controlled by the Borough Council

Council Houses	1,554
Temporary Prefabricated Bungalows	50
Sundry Cottages and Dwellings	35

RENT ACT, 1957.Particulars relating to the calendar year 1958
(in the form as set out by Circular 32/1957)PART I - Application for Certificates of Disrepair.

(1) Number of applications for certificates	...	12.
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates		1.
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates	..	11.
(a) in respect of some but not all defects		5.
(b) in respect of all defects		6.
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule		8.
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule		nil.
(6) Number of Certificates issued		3.

PART II - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates		nil
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates		nil
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection		nil
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority		nil

Total number of Certificates of Disrepair issued
under the Rent Act, 1957 (since 6th July, 1957) 3.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.Food Premises

The total number of food shops and other premises dealing with foodstuffs is 215. This number is made up as follows, the separate premises being included under the main trade being carried on.

Grocers and Provision Merchants (including small general shops retailing groceries)	41
Bakehouses	6
Bakers and cake shops	9
Fishmongers (wet fish)	3
Fried Fish Shops (1 additional entered as cafe)	3
Butchers Shops	15
Sweet Shops	18
Greengrocers (including 1 wholesalers premises)	13
Dairies and Milk Shops	3
Cafes and Restaurants	13
Hotels and Licensed Premises serving meals	9
Public Houses	40
Wine Shops and Off Licences	3
Residential Institutional Kitchens	9
School and Industrial Canteens	17
Clubs	6
Vegetarian Foodshop	1
Chemists, pharmaceutical	5

Inspection of food premises under the Food Hygiene Regulations continued throughout the year. No special difficulties have been experienced and improvements continue to be made through informal action, the administration of the Regulations being assisted by the co-operation of the trades-people themselves.

There are now four self-service food shops supplying pre-packed goods only, two of these being large multiple firms, one of which opened early in the year, the second converting during the year from the normal counter trade. A considerable number of the shops now have the refrigerated cabinets for the sale of pre-packed frozen foods, and many of the smaller general shops are provided with the refrigerated storage and display counters.

The personal requirements of the regulations relating to the food handlers themselves and also to the handling of food are generally being observed and only in isolated instances has it been necessary to draw attention to these.

Registered Food Premises

Sale and storage for sale of Ice Cream	52
Manufacture and sale of Ice Cream	-

The above 52 registered premises includes two new registrations during the year together with two notifications of change in the occupation of registered premises.

Preparation or manufacture of sausages	14
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Preparation or manufacture of preserved food	3
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These registered premises are generally well conducted, a total of 71 visits being made to the above 69 premises during the year.

Milk and Dairies

Number of retail purveyors of milk (one of which discontinued early in the year)	4
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Number of general shops at which milk is retailed for the convenience of customers - licences being issued and all milks being obtained from the above four purveyors.	8
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Designated Milk Licences	Dealers Licences	Supplementary Licences
Tuberculin Tested	5	1
Pasteurised	4	1
Sterilised	8	1

Fifty five samples of pasteurised milk were taken by the County Council Sampling Officers from the pasteurising plant within the Borough, these all being satisfactory.

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

The amount of foodstuffs surrendered as unfit was disposed of by burial at the Corporation's refuse tip at Foxholes. The unsound foodstuffs dealt with during the year are as follows,-

Canned Foodstuffs

Meat and Meat Products	9	containers	29	lbs
Ham	5	..	31	..
Pulses and Vegetables	15	..	15	..
Fruit	53	..	87	..
Milk	52	..	24	..
Fish and Fish Products	12	..	8	..
Miscellaneous (Soups, Jam & Cereals)	11	..	45	..

Fish

Fresh Haddock Fillets	14	lbs
Cod Fillets	66	..
Monk Fish	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	..
Skate Fish	49	..
Prawns	28	..

Miscellaneous

Mutton, (Home Killed) English	3	lbs
Ox Kidney, (Frozen)	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	..
Cheese, (English Cheddar)	50	..
Total weight of foodstuffs	4 cwt	30 lbs

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

In view of the advantages and convenience for use, practically all treatments for surface infestations continued to be carried out with the use of Warfarin-bait. Treatment of private dwellings continues without charge in order to encourage occupiers to give early notifications of infestations. With regard to Business premises, agreements are in operation whereby twenty properties are treated as required, these, together with other business premises treated, are charged for on a time and materials basis.

The gradual decrease of sewer infestation during the past few years has been maintained, no evidence of infestation being found by the 16 per cent. annual test baiting of the man-holes on the system.

The summary of information already supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, as set out below, is in respect of the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1959.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Report for 12 months ended 31st March, 1959	T Y P E O F P R O P E R T Y				
	Non-Agricultural				AGRI- CULTURAL
	LOCAL AUTHORITY	DWELLING HOUSES (including Council Houses)	ALL OTHER (including Business Premises)	TOTAL of Columns (1) (2) & (3)	
I No. of Properties in Local Authority's Area	14	4606	811	5472	31
II No. of properties insp- ected as a result of					
(a) Notification	-	39	2	41	-
(b) Survey under the Act	14	1678	186	1878	22
(c) Otherwise	-	408	323	731	3
III Total Inspections carried out, including re-inspections	70	3456	1090	4616	31
IV No. of properties found to be infested by					
(a) Rats Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	6	71	15	92	-
(b) Mice Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	1	38	4	43	-
V Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	7	109	19	135	-
VI Total treatments carried out, including retreatmts.	14	137	40	191	-
VII, VIII & IX. Number of Notices served under S.4; Number of cases in which default action was taken; Legal proceedings.					nil
X Number of "Block" control schemes carried out					2

NOTE - Number of properties taken from Valuation Officers Statistical Analysis, April 1958, a property being one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll. Column 3, ALL OTHER, includes combined dwelling/business premises.

S E C T I O N D

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948

The following is a summary of information already supplied in detail to the Ministry of Labour and National Service on Form 572 (Revised), in respect of the Year 1958.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Factories without Mechanical Power	...	...	13
Inspections	...	...	36
Written Notices	...	...	1
Factories with Mechanical Power	...	...	83
Inspections	...	...	72
Written Notices	...	...	1
<u>Other Premises under the Act (Electrical</u>			
<u>Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building</u>			
<u>Operations, Works of Engineering Constr-</u>			
<u>uction, but excluding Outworkers Premises)....</u>			
Inspections	...	...	6
			4

<u>2. Cases in which defects were found</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Want of Cleanliness (S.I) ...	1	1
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
Unsuitable or Defective ...	2	1
Total Defects referred to H.M. Inspector	...	nil
" " " "	...	two

Part VIII of the Act

3. Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

(i) Making of Wearing Apparel	...	...	181
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Of the above 181 outworkers, 37 only are resident within the Borough, the remaining 144 being in the areas of 49 other Local Authorities - these Authorities all being notified in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

